

## 2008 RESOLUTIONS

### **PUBLIC POLICY - PP**

#### **PP # 1 – Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)**

**MOTION:** The National Pork Producers Council cooperate with the Congress in planning a workable implementation for all parties concerned regarding Country of Origin Labeling expanding the law to include poultry.

**Action: Failed**

#### **PP # 2 – Mandatory Price Reporting**

**MOTION:** National Pork Producers Council support Mandatory Price Reporting (MPR) and assist in the proper implementation of the Congressional amendments previously approved. Implement changes in MPR to reflect a more accurate price discovery.

**Action: Adopted**

#### **PP # 3 – Corn Prices**

**MOTION:** The National Pork Producers Council opposes accelerating or increasing the renewable fuels standard for corn based ethanol production beyond what is already in place.

**Action: Adopted**

#### **PP # 4A – Early Relist of CRP Acres**

**MOTION:** National Pork Producers Council with their respective National organizations shall work towards increasing the number of acres available for grain production by allowing an early release of non-environmentally sensitive Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres into production without penalty.

**Action: Adopted**

#### **PP # 5 – Commodity Futures Trading**

**MOTION:** National Pork Producers Council will encourage the Commodities Future Trading Commission to study (1) the effect of speculative investors on end-user producers, and (2) the impact caused by the increases in speculative positions approved by CFTC in 2006.

**Action: Failed**

#### **PP # 6 – Manure Containment Closures**

**MOTION:** The National Pork Producers Council will seek and support viable economical solutions and financial incentives for producers to utilize in closing out of service manure containment structures.

**Motion: Adopted**

#### **PP # 7 – Scientific Studies on Environmental Challenges**

**MOTION:** NPPC support scientific studies that include working farms and focus on groundwater, deep and shallow wells, and potential environmental issues.

**Motion: Failed**

**PP # 8 - Frivolous Complaints**

**MOTION:** NPPC will work on a provision to add a step to citizen complaints involving farming which allows the name of the person to be made public in event the complaint is determined to be frivolous.

**Motion: Adopted**

**PP # 9 – Reputation Management**

**MOTION:** That the National Pork Alliance and NPPC Delegates strongly support an industry-wide effort to proactively position the pork industry, and to aggressively market a food production story.

NPPC move as quickly as possible concerning this effort and include other like-minded organizations to assist with this effort and report back to the industry at 2008 World Pork Expo and to the NPPC Delegates at the 2009 Annual Meeting on the progress.

**Motion: Adopted**

**PP # 10 – Funding for Reputation Management**

**MOTION:** The National Pork Producers Council should seek out additional funding opportunities through both public and private sources that could and should be used for the educational and reputation management activities.

**Motion: Adopted**

**PP # 11 - Animal Welfare**

**MOTION:** The National Pork Producers Council supports all swine production practices that are approved and endorsed by Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus) and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. The National Pork Board and National Pork Producers Council should vigorously defend swine production practices, within their respective roles.

**Motion: Adopted as amended**

**PP # 13 – Ethical Principles**

**MOTION:** National Pork Producers Council support the Ethical Principles document for US pork producers as developed by the Ethical Principles Committee.

**Motion: Adopted**

**TRADE POLICY - TP**

**TP # 1 – Trade**

**MOTION:** That the National Pork Producers Council continues and enhances efforts to build and aggressively defend the export market for U.S. pork.

**Motion: Adopted**

## **INVESTOR AND MEMBER RELATIONS - IMR**

### **IMR # 2 – NPB/NPPC Resource Development**

**MOTION:** The National Pork Producers Council evaluate and make recommendations regarding the long-term organizational resource needs and put in place a long-term plan to effectively address legislative, regulatory, anti-meat and trade issues, etc. to insure that the US pork industry remains viable and competitive.

**Motion: Adopted**

### **IMR # 4 – Strategic Investment Program Rate**

**MOTION:** It is the policy of the National Pork Producers Council Delegate body that any motion to change the strategic investment program rate shall have had the opportunity to be brought before all member state delegations and federations before consideration by the next delegate body.

**Motion: Move to refer to NPPC Board**

## **SHAREHOLDER OUTREACH (SO)**

### **SO # 1 – Complimentary**

**MOTION:** That the NPPC Delegates make Bryan Black, his sister in law, Carol, his nieces and his entire family aware that we support them during this difficult time.

Be it further resolved: That the entire NPPC Delegate body send our heart-felt thoughts and prayers.

**Motion: Adopted**

### **SO # 2 Complimentary**

**MOTION:** The investors and members of the great state of Illinois ask that the delegates to the National Pork Producers Council Annual Meeting and the National Pork Industry Forum join us in thanking President Jill Appell of Altona, Illinois for her tireless efforts and self-sacrificing gifts of time, knowledge, professionalism and passion to benefit the entire industry. Jill has come a long way from the suburbs of Chicago to be a leading advocate as state director for USDA Rural Development, the Illinois Pork Producers Association and culminating with the National Pork Producers Council. Jill has always made herself part of the solution to issues facing the industry from environmental to animal welfare to trade, her leadership has been present. We stand today to offer her our thanks and appreciation for all of her sacrifices to help guide us on our journey to the future. She is an inspiration to her fellow producers, and her state association.

**Motion: Adopted**